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to Discredit Guevara Moreno

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1. The Ecuadoran government has entirely dropped the plans which it began in March 1950 to discredit Dr Carlos Guevara Moreno by attempting to expose his complicity in illegal wartime platinum transactions while he was Minister of Government under President Velasco Ibarra. Enrique Herman, who was to have been the government's star witness, has admitted that nothing more will come of the case.*

2. Gonzalo Jacome, former director general of security and close friend of Guevara who was allegedly involved with him in the platinum transactions, stated in March that the government would be embarrassed should it attempt to pursue the case because he had a document in his possession signed by Herman absolving both Jacome and Guevara of any crime or incorrect act in connection with the platinum dealings.**

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* [REDACTED] reported the basis of the government's case against Guevara.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. Herman, well known for unscrupulous dealings, apparently was trying to play a double game and collect money from both the government and Guevara Moreno.

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